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Thank a Lineman

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What's Current

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REMEMBER TO THANK A LINEMAN THIS APRIL

NOVEC joins electric cooperatives across the country to honor line technicians on April 8 — National Lineman Appreciation Day. In 2014, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) designated the second Monday of April to honor all co-op linemen.

More than 115,000 line workers all over the nation put their lives at risk when they work high in the air or on the ground with electricity. The danger increases during power restoration efforts in wet and windy conditions.

Working with thousands of volts of electricity is just part of the job of being a line technician.

“It’s more than just a job title,” says Justin Bettis, lead line technician. “It defines who you are. At the end of the day when most people are home, linemen are anticipating that night’s storm and might be preparing to go back out on the system. When snow keeps kids and adults home from school or work, linemen are out working because someone is going to be out of power and you’ve got a job to do.”

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SPRING SAVINGS CHECKLIST

As winter fades and spring weather approaches, take steps in and around your home to help you save money on energy.

- ✔ **Check for air leaks.** Apply caulk to windows or weather stripping to doors to keep heated or cooled air inside the home.
- ✔ **Change your air filters.** Making sure the air filters are clean in your home's heating/cooling system helps it work more efficiently and uses less energy.
- ✔ **Move furniture.** Keep vents and air returns clear of furniture, rugs, curtains, or pet beds.
- ✔ **Use a programmable thermostat.** Save energy on warm-weather days by setting the thermostat to make your house cooler when you're home and warmer when you're away.
- ✔ **Open windows.** On days when outside temperatures are comfortable, open the windows instead of using the air conditioner to cool your home.
- ✔ **Redirect ceiling fans.** Fans spinning clockwise at low speed help redistribute warm air, while fans spinning counterclockwise can help you stay cool. Remember: fans cool people, not rooms, so turn them off when rooms are empty.
- ✔ **Use (or block) the sun.** On cooler days, keep blinds and curtains open on sun-facing windows to let in light and heat. On warmer days, close them to help keep your home cool.

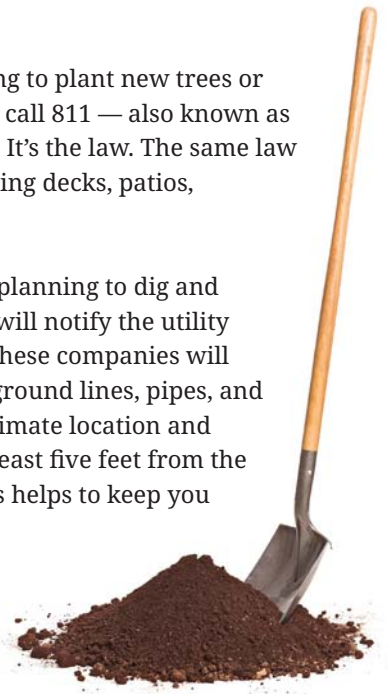


CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

With spring arriving soon, you may be planning to plant new trees or shrubs in your yard. Before you grab a shovel, call 811 — also known as Miss Utility — at least 48 hours before you dig. It's the law. The same law applies for major construction projects, including decks, patios, and fences.

When you call, tell the operator where you're planning to dig and what type of work you'll be doing. The center will notify the utility companies that serve you, including NOVEC. These companies will send locators to your property to mark underground lines, pipes, and cables. Afterward, you will know their approximate location and can start shoveling — safely. Be sure to dig at least five feet from the mark to stay away from utility easements. This helps to keep you safe and protect equipment from damage.

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